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Merry Christmas to You



FLASH!

Just as we go to press word comes from Ottawa that on January 23rd, 1946, a double width 5c postage stamp will appear emphasizing hockey. First day covers serviced by postmaster, Ottawa 2, as heretofore. (See our October issue for procedure).

Other Stamps for 1956

2 Wildlife Stamps in April.

A 25c stamp, date to be announced.

Current 20c to be replaced by new design.

Fire Prevention stamp in the Fall.

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CANADA!

On a recent buying trip managed to locate a small hoard of a certain Canadian "sleeper." Have had some experience with this variety and can safely say it would be missing in 99% of all Canadian collections! Nor would a \$5.00 or \$10.00 bill secure it in a hurry from any of hundreds of dealers.

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The Third Page

Popular Stamps

Vol. XVIII—No. 11.

Cobden, Ont., December, 1955.

15c per copy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Once again Christmas Season is at hand. To all we wish a Merry Christmas. May it be all that you could desire—presents given and presents received—both going and coming may you be happy in the choice that was made in their selection.

For a day and a season may we be freed from the frustrations and fears with which the present day world seems to be encumbered. May the strain and nervous tension of the preceeding 364 days give way to joy, peace, goodwill and fellowship on Christmas Day, the delight of children and a day of family reunion when childhood days are past.

SHORT ON ADVERTISING

Advertising this issue has dropped to almost an all-time low thus requiring reduction in size of P.S. Amount of advertising governs number of pages per issue both financially and for balance of text to ads. We trust in an improvement in 1956.

BRITISH COLONIES

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O250	2c brown		.02
O252	3c purple		.02
O253	4c Elevator		.12
O254	4c red		.02
O255	5c blue		.02
O257	10c brown		.02
O259	14c Tank		.15
O260	20c Corvette		.05
O261	50c Munitions		.25
OC6	6c airmail		.20
OC7	6c "		.20
OC8	7c "		.05
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Cobden, Ont., December, 1955.

TO SUBSCRIBERS

All subscription blanks prior to
September issue are obsolete and all
dollar remittances can only be hono-
red for a seven-month subscription.
The new rate is \$1.50 per year for 10
issues.

A condensed ad in November issue
for Edwin Gildner, Windsor, Ont.,
read Canada plate blocks, mint, 100
different \$1.00 should read 10 differ-
ent \$1.00. The error was obvious to
even the casual reader but the error
was made and the correct figures are
printed this issue.

Canada - Plateblocks

#248 ROYAL VISIT 3c

1-1	3.50	3.50		
1-2	.75	.75	.75	2.70
1-4	.75	.75	.75	2.70
2-1	4.00	4.00	4.00	
2-2	.90	.90	.90	3.25
2-3	3.25		3.25	
2-4	.90	.90	.80	3.00
3-1	4.00			
3-2	.75	.75	.75	2.70
3-3	12.50			
3-4	.75	.75	.75	2.70
4-1	6.00	10.00	6.00	
4-2	.75	.75	1.00	3.15
4-3	5.00		4.50	
4-4	1.20	1.00	1.25	4.00

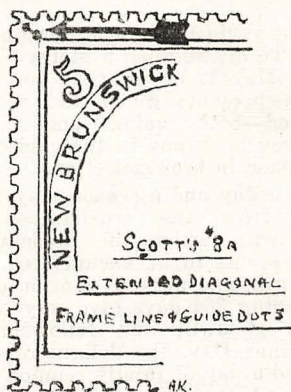
Revised plate block price list is now
available for 10c. Lists nearly 1,600
different positions.

C. C. BOND

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DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON
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Sketch No. 372—New Brunswick
Scott's 8a with extended diagonal
frame line and two guide dots. On
cover loaned by Dr. Lewis R. Morse.

The new hockey stamp should
prove one of the most popular.

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The HOLLOW TREE

By Ed. Richardson

#287—"2 Cents" on 3c Numeral

In packet #225 I mentioned the variety "surcharge showing thru." In trying to complete my plate number strips and blocks of these surcharge issues I recently obtained a block of six, plate #4, "2 Cents" on 3c Numeral,—and whatdayaknow—it shows this variety!

These surcharges on the Numeral issue supposedly come on all six plates used for the 3c carmine. Most of those surcharged were from plates #5 and 6. This is natural since they were the last plates used prior to discontinuing the 3c carmine. These are the scarce numbers in the "unsurcharged" 3c carmine, and are the most easily obtained among the "2 Cents" surcharged. On plate #1-4 it's the other way around. These come not too tough on the "unsurcharged" and are the "toughies" among those surcharged. So far I have managed to obtain plates #1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the surcharged variety but still lack the plate #3.

#288—Postal Stationery With Illustrated Advertising

Almost everyone who collects Canadian Postal Stationery collects them "entire" rather than cut square. I've seen collections of used entires, but most of them "lack something." Sure, once in awhile you see a really nice collection of the early types with unusual postmarks, numerals, squared circles, "way letter," etc. But here is a new field for someone—although I'll bet we find out that someone has already gotten a head start!

Why not collect "entires" with illustrated advertising on the face? These would not be a collection of

advertising covers but as a part of one's collections of postal stationery. It would add eye-appeal and would be quite different. No, I do not have any for trade. As a matter of fact, —the same day this is being written I am starting a collection of these myself,—as an adjunct to my collection of mint "entires." All I start out with is the total of eight items!

#289—Saskatchewan 75c Law—Double Print

That variety, mentioned in packet #210—a complete double impression of the 75c value of the 1907 Issue,—is now listed in the new "Holmes." Catalog value \$35.00 and worth hunting for. This past summer I discovered my second copy,—which now resides in the Canadian Revenue collection of Bill McGuire of Pennsylvania.

There must have been a full sheet of these, so keep looking!

#290—Counterfiet Diamond Jubilees

The other day a dealer friend turned up for me an excellent copy of the \$4.00 Diamond Jubilee engraved counterfiet. This is the same as that listed and described in "Forgeries Old and New" by Al Johnson and published by the Marks Stamp Co. in 1945.

Also noted that a complete set \$1.00 thru \$5.00 of the lithographed counterfeits turned up in a lot #44 of the November 17th Auction of the Toronto Stamp Collector's Club. These counterfeits were fully described and illustrated in the June 1955 BNA "Topics," by G. P. Bainbridge.

#291—War Savings (Spitfire) Die Proof

In November I obtained the large die proof,—die sinkage 62x57 mm, of the 25c War Savings stamp of

1940,—the “Spitfire” issue.

Two copies of this die were previously known in the normal color of issue, and two copies in green. This copy is in Rose-Carmine,—a trial color and hitherto unlisted.

In referring to listings of proofs I refer to that excellent journal, the Essay Proof Journal. Those referred to above were listed in Vol. 5 #3, the July 1948 issue.

#292—“Schooner Bluenose”

Anyone interested in writing up and illustrating a few pages of the famous 50c Bluenose stamp should obtain a copy of “Schooner Bluenose” by Andrew Merkel, pictures by W. R. MacAskill, published by the Ryerson Press, Toronto, in 1948. It has pictures of the Bluenose galore!

A STUDY OF THE O.H.M.S. OVERPRINTS

By L. Seale Holmes, M.D.

On reaching the stage of mounting a collection for myself that brought me up to the Official stamps, I ran into the variety called the “narrow spacing.” I was not familiar with this, so enquired from two of my good friends, who showed me very briefly just what it was. On getting out what I had left of sheets of these overprints, I discovered I had them all but the 2c stamp. These were all the War issue, 1c, 3c and 4c. I found I had all the narrow spaced o’pts. in these. This got up my curiosity to check more fully all the o’pts. So lets start at the beginning.

The parts of panes (I called them sheets above in error) were all from the UR. The plates were gone but I still have them some place. Next look down the first or left hand column and you will readily see that the “o” is farther from the frame line than it is in any of the other columns of stamps. Measure it and you will find with the 1c value it is $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm., the 3c value it is $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Next measure the other columns. With the 1c they measure $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm. till the 9th column which is $1\frac{3}{4}$ mm. and the 10th col. 2 mm. The 3c measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. all across and the 4c is 2 mm. to the 6th column and from here to 9th inclusive they are $2\frac{1}{4}$ mm. while the 10th column is $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

By this time my curiosity was intrigued more and my eyes had not begun to ache or water, so I got out what was left of the last Geo. VI issue that had been overprinted O.H.M.S. Here is where I nearly became bogged down. This I found was not as simple as the War issue. Yes, I found plenty here. For the 1c value, I found the first five columns were $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm., then 2 mm. or close to that for the balance of columns. This was an LL pane. For the 2c value the space was $2\frac{1}{4}$, 2 and 2 mm. for first three columns, the balance were $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm. For the 3c value, first column was 4 mm., then in order ran $3\frac{1}{2}$, $3\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 3, $2\frac{1}{2}$ or close for the balance. For the 5c value, it ran $2\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{4}$, and 2 mm. for the balance.

So you see for the student who loves to delve into the microscopical, there is here a big field for him to exercise his powers. The letters O.H.M.S. I found to be all uniform in size and spacing between letters. The so-called “narrow spacing” really means that with the first column letters being set closer to the right side of the stamps it would leave a narrower space from the period after the “S” to the “O” on the next stamp to the right.

In order to show this to best advantage, you should have at least a strip of three or four stamps of the War issue variety. For the last Geo. VI you should have all or at least five of a strip to show the variations.

NEW ISSUES . . . by Red Eagle

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UNION SOUTH AFRICA—2 vals. Pretoria issue.

ETHIOPIA—6 vals. Silver Jubilee.

ISRAEL—4 vals. Tribes issue.

PHILIPPINES—2 vals. air mail Lt. Jose Gozar.

TURKEY—4 vals. General Census.

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SPECIAL CANADIAN OFFERS

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Sc. No.		Sc. No.		Sc. No.		Sc. No.	
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35	1.25	115	1.30	199	.50	277	.20
50	6.25	117	1.25	200	1.00	282	.20
51	.45	118	1.30	201	1.55	283	.22
52	.75	122	6.50	208	.60	289	.14
53	.70	136-7-8	16.00	209	3.50	290	.30
54	1.80	140	2.10	210	.80	291	.18
56	3.75	141	.35	211	.25	292	.20
66	.30	142	.15	212	.18	293	.30
67	.50	143	.50	213	.25	311-4	2.60
68ng	.45	144	.35	214	.75	315	.20
71	2.75	145	.85	215	.85	C1	1.70
72	2.50	146	.35	216	4.40	C2	8.50
73	17.50	147	.85	217	.10	C3	1.10
74	.16	148	1.35	218	.14	C4	2.40
75	.85	149	.20	219	.20	C5	.55
76	.50	150	.13	220	.55	C6	.60
77a	2.65	152	.55	221	.35	C7	1.70
80	7.65	153	.35	222	.58	C8	.50
81	4.00	154	.75	223	.75	C9	.45
83	10.00	155	.70	224	.85	CE1	1.00
87	.70	156	.95	225	1.30	CE2	1.00
88	.85	157	1.75	226	4.00	CE3	2.00
89	.50	162	.14	227	6.75	CE4	1.10
90	.45	163	.20	231	.12	E3	1.45
90a	1.75	164 I	.15	232	.15	#6	1.25
91	5.50	165 I	.15	233	.18	E7	1.10
92	7.00	165 II	.20	234	.70	E8	3.00
93	14.00	166 I	.70	235	.35	E10	.75
96	.35	166 II	.20	236	.54	J6	.35
97	.75	167	.20	237	.20	J7	.17
98	.55	168	.50	241	.70	J9	.55
99	4.75	169	.35	241a	.70	J11-4	1.60
100	6.50	170	.35	242	1.00	J15	.10
101	10.00	171	1.30	243	1.25	J16	.12
102	18.00	172	.50	244	3.50	J17	.20
103	20.00	173	1.30	245	7.25	MR5	1.60
104	.30	174	1.00	246-7-8	3.00	O1	.40
105	.35	175	1.75	251	.30	O3	.40
106	.55	177	14.00	253	.85	O4	.40
107	.17	190	.75	256	.50	O7	.85
107a	.45	191 I	.45	258	1.50	O8	1.40
108	.43	191 II	.24	259	.90	O12	.25
109	.27	192	.16	260	1.25	O13	.30
184	.30	193ng	.40	261	3.75	O14	.20
110	1.05	194	1.25	262	7.00	O15	.30
112	.60	195	.16	268	.45	O15a	.55
112a	.70	195 flat	.30	274	.20		
113	1.00	196	.16	275	.20		

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Plate Block Charlie Says:

Are you having troubles with some of those plate positions? Good! So am I.

This month's article has to do with the addition of a few mere plate blocks to your collection. No matter what we collect, be it stamps, coins, shells or anything else, unless we are adding to them, we begin to lose interest.

With stamps there should be no loss of interest. There are too many side lines that can be taken up. And so, I am suggesting to those of you who collect back to the 1937 issue, that you take in those narrow selvedge plates.

No doubt most of you have noted that some plates in this issue have both wide and narrow selvedge or margins. I think they should both be collected.

Numerous plates of many values and issues can be collected in both wide and narrow selvedge. They add greatly to the appearance and value of a collection when collected both way. Besides adding to the troubles you already have in the collecting of plate blocks, they also add to the pleasure of collecting.

In the issues of No. 231 to No. 236, there are differences so great, that a plate position with wide selvedge, mounted on the same page with a narrow selvedge, throws the page all out of balance. So why not collect both, mounting them on pages by themselves. Plate 1 wide selvedge on one page. Plate 1 narrow selvedge on the next page and so on.

Mind you, they are not going to be easy to get in both wide and narrow selvedge. You are going to have plenty of troubles and a lot of pleasure getting them.

Following is a list of those values and plates that can be collected with narrow selvedge in Nos. 231 to 236. Numerous later issues and values can be collected in different widths of selvedge, but the difference is not as great as in Nos. 231 to 236, which follows:

Narrow Selvedge

#231. Plates 1, 2, 3.

#232. Plates 3, 4, 9, 10.

Note that I have found Plate 9-10 with narrow selvedge on the upper

positions only, on the horizontal lower positions, wide selvedge, side and bottom.

#233. Plate 1, 2, 3, 9, 12, 13.

Note, Plate 12, 13 are narrow selvedge only. I have not seen wide selvedge in these two plates.

#234. Plate 1.

#235. Plate 1, 2.

#236. Plate 1.

I would like to know of any others, if any.

A further slight increase in plate block prices has been noted in dealer lists. I look for still further increases in some plate positions. When dealer stocks become exhausted and they are unable to replace them, you can guess what will happen.

I paid \$14.00 for a position that had a catalogue value of \$2.00 Was the dealer smart, or was I crazy? Could be I was. In any case I now have another tough one.

RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

Mr. Metcalfe of Commonwealth catalog fame writes frequently for "Stamps" of New York. I note in his message of November 19th that the new high value issues of Great Britain do not appear to have taken the public fancy over there. Personally I think they are an attractive set with the exception of the 10/- value depicting Edinburgh Castle which to so many who know it and its beauty will think it a terrible picture, taken as it appears to be from a side view which conveys an entirely wrong impression of its magnificent structure, which is a pity indeed. Mr. Metcalfe also refers to the new change of watermark shortly coming into general use to that of the St. Edward's Crown, this will be a pull on the stamp budget when all British Empire stamps are printed with the change. In this regard the exasperating distribution of part issues will be the rule as with many of the new Queen stamps, there is no doubt however that replacements will be made in small numbers and for those particular denominations which get

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Provincial Liquor Control Board Seals

(A Preliminary Check List)

BY ED RICHARDSON

With the growing interest in Canadian Tax Paid collectors are beginning to take a look at the Liquor Seals issued by Canada and the various Liquor Control Boards or Commissions of the Provinces.

Some of those listed herewith were reported in my column "The Hollow Tree" in packets #262 and #284. While I still have not seen any of these issued by either Prince Edward Island or New Brunswick, they surely must exist.

Here is the complete check list of those reported to date:

ALBERTA — one type — 155x146 mm. Orange on white wove. Unwatermarked. Horizontal mesh. Black Control nos. 3½ mm. high (Control No. looks greenish black probably due to orange colored stamp). Perf. 11.8 x imperf. No imprint.

BRITISH COLUMBIA — one type — 159x17 mm. Green on thin white wove. Unwatermarked. Very distinct horizontal mesh. No control nos. Roulette x imperf. No imprint.

MANITOBA — one type — 82x40 mm. Black on kraft paper. No control nos. Imperforate. No imprint.

NEW BRUNSWICK — (Unreported.)

NEWFOUNDLAND — one type — 95x45 mm. Black on watermarked wove paper. Watermark made up of double and single lined letters. Vertical mesh. No control nos. Imperforate. No imprint.

NOVA SCOTIA — one type — 126x11 mm. Blue on white wove. Unwatermarked. Vertical mesh. Green control nos. 3½ mm. high. Roulette x imperf. No imprint.

ONTARIO — three types, four varieties. Type I — 163x16½ mm. Black on medium white wove. Unwatermarked. Horizontal mesh. Red control nos. (thin) 3½ mm. high. Perf. 11 x imperf. Imprint below center "British American Bank Note Co., Limited."

Type II — 124½x11 mm. Black on white wove. Unwatermarked. No visible mesh. Red controls (thicker)

4½ mm. high. Imperforate. Imprint monogram "CBN."

Type III — (a) 147x14 mm. Black on white wove. Unwatermarked. No visible mesh. Red controls (thicker) 3½ mm. high. Perf. 11 x imperf. Imprint monogram "BABN". — (b) same as above except Red on white wove. Blue controls (thicker) 3½ mm. high. Imperforate.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND — (Unreported.)

QUEBEC — one type — 146x13½ mm. Brown on white wove. Unwatermarked. Horizontal mesh. No control nos. Roulette x imperf. Imprint below center "American Bank Note Co., Ottawa."

SASKATCHEWAN — two types — Type I — 111x22 mm. Black and Red on white wove. Unwatermarked. No distinct mesh. No controls. Imperforate. Imprint "Copyright."

Type II — 157x20 (?) mm. Black and Red on white wove glossy paper. Black control nos. 4½ mm. high. Imperforate. Imprint (?). (My own copy appears trimmed).

YUKON TERRITORY — one type — 152x17½ mm. Black on white wove. Unwatermarked. No distinct mesh. No control nos. Imperforate. No imprint.

And there you have 'em. Thirteen varieties from eight provinces plus Yukon. Now get out your pen and pencil and tell me about the ones I failed to list!

STAMP EXHIBITION AT SAINT JOHN N.B.

Celebrating National Stamp Week throughout Canada the Saint John Stamp Collectors' Club featured a successful Philatelic Exhibition on Saturday, November 12th, at the Admiral Beatty Hotel, which the day before had been publicised by an interesting television broadcast by Mr. W. J. White of Moncton, N.B.

The executives of the club assisted by its members are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts in organizing a splendid show which was visited by several hundred philatelists and the public during the afternoon and evening.

The displays were exceptionally attractive which included a brilliant showing of issues of the British Empire, complete sets of Canada with a fine display of the 1897 Jubilees, Maple Leafs and Numerals, the Edwards together with Geo. 5th and Geo. 6th issues to those of the present day, including a very fine display of Newfoundland. Exceptionally fine was a collection of early dated covers of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and among these was noted a 6c 1868 Bisect dated November 7th, 1870, two rare covers of the small Queen 3c perforated 12½ Canada, as well as early covers of Indian reds and later rose shades.

Another attractive exhibit nicely displayed was a specialized collection of the stamps of Israel, and a fine collection by another member of the early and later issues of the Netherlands. A collection of early air flights of Canada, also an attractive display of stamps of the U.S.A.

Specially loaned for the exhibition by the N.B. Museum were many items of extreme interest which included a block of four Stamps Great Britain of Edward the 8th and autographed by the Duke of Windsor, a special proof block of four of the rare Charles Connell overprinted "specimen," as well as a photograph of the gentleman himself. There was a complete file of Canada's first Stamp

Magazine published in 1865 by a Geo. Stewart Jr. This fine museum display was the cause of much interest to all visitors.

(Editor's Note: Samuel Allan Taylor's Stamp Collector's Record, started at Montreal in 1864 is said to be Canada's first stamp magazine, but after one or two issues moved to Boston. Stewart's magazine was the first to continue for several issues.)

The president of the club Mr. H. R. S. McLaughlin was well pleased with the large number of visitors who attended the exhibition. The Saint John Stamp Club is affiliated with and a chapter of the Canadian Philatelic Society.

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RAMBLING GOSSIP

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cleaned out of Post Office stocks first. The Commonwealth catalog for George 6th issues will appear sometime in January next year and which when it appears will give satisfaction to many collectors here, it will be something to get a standard work which gives us a net priced catalog from which no percentage will be deductible.

Surprising to many will be "Fynd-hems" reference in "Stamp Collecting" of London to our late 5c Boy Scout Jamboree stamp, he states it should be a good item to put away for a few years. To us here it will be interesting to know the total number of printings for this stamp. It has no doubt been as popular an issue of any in the past few years, for sales have been reported as heavy, may be too, many hundreds of sheets have been put away in storage which will later on make a dent in its value.

We are to lose our 6c orange stamp, this later on may be a good one in a few years, so that a few picked blocks in our duplicate books would not do much harm, for my part I would go after a lay away of superb used as being the scarce one for the future.

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CANADA NOTES

A collector wrote me recently in reference to what he called a "bee hive" that he found between the two lower strokes of R, used on registered covers. I had never seen it before. But since answering him I ran across a nice bundle of old registered covers on nearly all of which was the letter R in an oval. Among these I found four with "spots" similar to the bee hive and it has brought me to the conclusion that all of these are accidents in cancelling. I could not conceive of the P.O. going to the bother of putting a bee hive under their "R"s used in the registration hammers. These I have found were from Toronto, two, Guelph and Barry's Bay, each one.

I see the current 4c envelopes are coming thru with a return notice in the upper left corner. These return notices that are found on the early envelopes have been labelled as being of a private nature, but with this idea I cannot agree. If they were privately put on, why in the world would they not put the name and address on at the same time and at no added cost, if privately done. Why would a person do only part of a job? It consists of the wording, "Sender's name and address Nom et Adresse de l'envoyeur."

Recently the P.O. put into use a new hammer with a double circle

about 1½" diameter, the name of the city in the upper part and year in the lower part of the double circle, while across the center is the date and time as, 9 XI 8 PM. It seems that the local one became loose in connection with the year figures and it was found after several days that the "years" were literally flying around, so that the mail was going out dated years hence, far off into the future. Wish I could find one of those covers with the future dated on it.

Used coil stamps are going to become increasingly scarce. Permit and meter stamps and precancels are taking their place.—L. Seale Holmes, M.D.

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